CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

1. (original) A compound represented by formula I:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^2 \\
N \\
N \\
N \\
R^3 \\
R^1 \\
R^1 \\
R^1 \\
R^1 \\
R^1
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^4 \\
R^1 \\
R^1 \\
R^1
\end{array}$$

wherein

R¹ represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl;

R² is H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or -C(O)R⁵;

R³ is aryl, heteroaryl, or aralkyl;

 R^4 is hydrogen, hydroxyl, aryl, heteroaryl, OR^5 , CO_2R^6 , $C(O)N(R^6)_2$, C(O)NHOH, $OC(O)R^5$, or oxadiazole;

R⁵ is alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or aralkyl;

R⁶ represents independently for each occurrence hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl, wherein any two instances of R⁶ may be covalently attached to form a ring;

2. (original) A compound represented by formula II:

wherein

R¹ represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl;

R² is H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or -C(O)R⁵;

R³ is aryl, heteroaryl, or aralkyl;

 R^4 is hydrogen, hydroxyl, aryl, heteroaryl, OR^5 , CO_2R^6 , $C(O)N(R^6)_2$, C(O)NHOH, $OC(O)R^5$, or oxadiazole;

R⁵ is alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or aralkyl;

R⁶ represents independently for each occurrence hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl, wherein any two instances of R⁶ may be covalently attached to form a ring;

3. (original) A compound represented by formula III:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^2 \\
N \\
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R^3 & R^1 & R^1 & R^1 & R^1
\end{array}$$

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wherein

R¹ represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl;

R² is H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or -C(O)R⁵;

R³ is aryl, heteroaryl, or aralkyl;

 R^4 is hydrogen, hydroxyl, aryl, heteroaryl, OR^5 , CO_2R^6 , $C(O)N(R^6)_2$, C(O)NHOH, $OC(O)R^5$, or oxadiazole;

R⁵ is alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or aralkyl;

R⁶ represents independently for each occurrence hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl, wherein any two instances of R⁶ may be covalently attached to form a ring;

X is S,
$$-S(O)$$
-, or $-S(O_2)$ -;

n is 1, 2, 3, or 4; and

m is 1, 2, 3, or 4.

4. (original) A compound represented by formula IV:

wherein

R¹ represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl;

R² is H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or -C(O)R⁵;

R³ is aryl, heteroaryl, or aralkyl;

R⁴ is hydrogen, hydroxyl, aryl, heteroaryl, OR⁵, CO₂R⁶, C(O)N(R⁶)₂, C(O)NHOH, OC(O)R⁵, or oxadiazole;

R⁵ is alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or aralkyl;

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R⁶ represents independently for each occurrence hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl, wherein any two instances of R⁶ may be covalently attached to form a ring;

Claims 5-23 (canceled)

- 24. (original) The compound of claim 2, wherein X is S or -S(O)-.
- 25. (original) The compound of claim 2, wherein R² is methyl, ethyl or propyl.
- 26. (original) The compound of claim 2, wherein R² is methyl.
- 27. (**original**) The compound of claim 2, wherein R³ is optionally substituted phenyl.
- 28. (original) The compound of claim 2, wherein R³ is halophenyl.
- 29. (original) The compound of claim 2, wherein R³ is 3-chlorophenyl.
- 30. (original) The compound of claim 2, wherein R^4 is $C(O)N(R^6)_2$.
- 31. (original) The compound of claim 2, wherein R^4 is $C(O)N(R^6)_2$ and R^6 represents independently for each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl.
- 32. (**original**) The compound of claim 2, wherein X is S, n is 1, m is 1, R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is methyl, and R^3 is 3-chlorophenyl.
- 33. (**original**) The compound of claim 2, wherein X is S, n is 1, m is 1, R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is methyl, R^3 is 3-chlorophenyl, and R^4 is $C(O)N(R^6)_2$.
- 34. (**original**) The compound of claim 2, wherein X is S, n is 1, m is 1, R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is methyl, R^3 is 3-chlorophenyl, and R^4 is C(O)N(H)iPr.
- 35. (original) The compound of claim 3, wherein X is S or -S(O)-.
- 36. (original) The compound of claim 3, wherein R² is methyl, ethyl or propyl.
- 37. (original) The compound of claim 3, wherein R^2 is methyl.

- 38. (**original**) The compound of claim 3, wherein R³ is optionally substituted phenyl.
- 39. (original) The compound of claim 3, wherein R³ is halophenyl.
- 40. (original) The compound of claim 3, wherein R³ is 3-chlorophenyl.
- 41. (original) The compound of claim 3, wherein R^4 is $C(O)N(R^6)_2$.
- 42. (**original**) The compound of claim 3, wherein R^4 is $C(O)N(R^6)_2$ and R^6 represents independently for each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl.
- 43. (**original**) The compound of claim 3, wherein X is S, n is 1, m is 1, R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is methyl, and R^3 is 3-chlorophenyl.
- 44. (**original**) The compound of claim 3, wherein X is S, n is 1, m is 1, R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is methyl, R^3 is 3-chlorophenyl, and R^4 is $C(O)N(R^6)_2$.
- 45. (**original**) The compound of claim 3, wherein X is S, n is 1, m is 1, R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is methyl, R^3 is 3-chlorophenyl, and R^4 is C(O)N(H)iPr.
- 46. (original) The compound of claim 4, wherein X is S or -S(O)-.
- 47. (**original**) The compound of claim 4, wherein R² is methyl, ethyl or propyl.
- 48. (original) The compound of claim 4, wherein R^2 is methyl.
- 49. (**original**) The compound of claim 4, wherein R³ is optionally substituted phenyl.
- 50. (**original**) The compound of claim 4, wherein R³ is halophenyl.
- 51. (original) The compound of claim 4, wherein R³ is 3-chlorophenyl.
- 52. (original) The compound of claim 4, wherein R^4 is $C(O)N(R^6)_2$.
- 53. (original) The compound of claim 4, wherein R^4 is $C(O)N(R^6)_2$ and R^6 represents independently for each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl.
- 54. (**original**) The compound of claim 4, wherein X is S, n is 1, m is 1, R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is methyl, and R^3 is 3-chlorophenyl.
- 55. (**original**) The compound of claim 4, wherein X is S, n is 1, m is 1, R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is methyl, R^3 is 3-chlorophenyl, and R^4 is $C(O)N(R^6)_2$.

56. (**original**) The compound of claim 4, wherein X is S, n is 1, m is 1, R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is methyl, R^3 is 3-chlorophenyl, and R^4 is C(O)N(H)iPr.

Claims 57-107(canceled)

- 108. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein X is S or -S(O)-.
- 109. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R² is methyl, ethyl or propyl.
- 110. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^2 is methyl.
- 111. (**previously presented**) The compound of claim 1, wherein R³ is optionally substituted phenyl.
- 112. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R³ is halophenyl.
- 113. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R³ is 3-chlorophenyl.
- 114. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^4 is $C(O)N(R^6)_2$.
- 115. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^4 is $C(O)N(R^6)_2$ and R^6 represents independently for each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl.
- 116. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein X is S, n is 1, m is 1, R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is methyl, and R^3 is 3-chlorophenyl.
- 117. (**previously presented**) The compound of claim 1, wherein X is S, n is 1, m is 1, R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is methyl, R^3 is 3-chlorophenyl, and R^4 is $C(O)N(R^6)_2$.
- 118. (**previously presented**) The compound of claim 1, wherein X is S, n is 1, m is 1, R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is methyl, R^3 is 3-chlorophenyl, and R^4 is C(O)N(H)iPr.